

The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway (LSHG) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate local economic activity by developing a linkage between our natural, historic and cultural resources. This linkage is a series of land and water recreational trails that weave our past into our future while promoting an understanding and appreciation for the character of this region.



As part of a statewide system of Heritage Areas, the LSHG is responsible for implementing a local management plan targeting our waterfront communities. We are building the public / private partnerships necessary for capital investment within this most strategic region of Maryland.

Once you experience all the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Area has to offer, we believe you will share our vision of creating 40 miles of interconnected public recreation trails connecting Harford and Cecil Counties. **1**

## History: It Happened Here!



The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Area is dotted with historical sites and stories of our Nation's History. You can walk through history in the great outdoors. Beginning around 1,600 AD, with rock carvings left by an indigenous Susquehannock Indian tribe, the story of Early America unfolds. Captain John Smith under orders of the Virginia Company explored and mapped this area in 1608. **1** Today various historical sites and structures stand as testament to our forefathers' struggles to tame this new land and build a young nation.

By 1776 this area had grown into a transportation center for the Colonies. Goods and services were transported along Old Post Road (MD Route 7) and places like Rodgers Tavern **2** became a favorite resting point for George Washington, Lafayette and Colonial forces.



Cannon fire exploded at Concord Point, **3** where today you can visit the Keeper's home who defended Havre de Grace against invading British Troops during the War of 1812. The City of Havre de Grace **4** was burned by the British Royal Navy during a siege of the valuable cannons at Principio Furnace. The Principio Iron Works Factory **5**, and transportation routes such as the



Susquehanna and Tidewater Canals **6** systems contributed to the critical infrastructure of our nation's commerce.

Throughout the 1800's our market culture flourished, as this area was a popular trade route and major producer of wheat and corn to be traded through the Ports of Baltimore and Philadelphia. Gristmills are still visible throughout the area and the process of grinding corn into flour is regularly demonstrated at Rock Run Mill. **7**

Straddling the Mason Dixon line as we do, the Civil War created local unrest. The stakes were high and the river crossing dangerous at "Hosanna", the last stop before freedom on the Underground Railroad. **8** While some people of this community fought for the Union and others the Confederacy, they all lay in places of honor throughout this heritage area. You can visit the Gravel Hill Church graveyard **9** and see the resting place of Negro Union soldiers or the Restored Perryville Train Station **10** that received supplies for troops staging for battle. John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, grew up near by. **11**



## Cultural Resources and Museums

Today you can visit over a dozen local area museums and various cultural sites that illustrate local folk art and our way of life. You can visit a working Lighthouse **12**, watch a ballgame at Cal Ripken Stadium **13**, and see a Lockhouse with a restored canal system. **14** The Chesapeake Bay tradition of Oyster dredging can be experienced aboard a floating museum called the Skipjack Martha Lewis **15**. While you are here, learn how to build a canoe at the Maritime Museum's Chesapeake Wooden Boat Building School **16**, or how to carve a decoy from life-like talking wax figures of local carvers such as R. Madison Mitchell at the Decoy Museum **17**.



You can hear stories about how Havre de Grace fell only one vote short of becoming

our nation's capital and see where Triple Crown Winner Citation suffered his only loss while other thoroughbred favorites such as Sir Barton, Man O'War, War Admiral and Seabiscuit raced to victory at The Graw **18**.



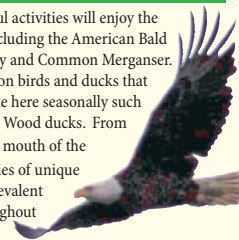
Civil War relics are on display at the Paw Paw Museum. **19** Colonial farming methods are demonstrated at the Steppingstone Museum **20** and Rock Run Mill while modern techniques are displayed at the Amoss Agricultural Center **21**.



No visit is complete until you honor our veterans by visiting the Perry Point Veterans Museum, **22** the Bainbridge Naval Training Center Museum **23** or the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum at Aberdeen Proving Ground **24**.

## Nature

Those who prefer more peaceful activities will enjoy the chance to spot local wildlife including the American Bald Eagle, Great Blue Heron, Osprey and Common Merganser. Numerous species of uncommon birds and ducks that use the Atlantic Flyway navigate here seasonally such as Mute Swan, Canvasback and Wood ducks. From the Conowingo Dam **25** to the mouth of the Susquehanna **26**, various species of unique plants, flowers and trees are prevalent along the waterways and throughout our trails and scenic byways.



## Scenic Areas



A scenic drive or brisk walk through this confluence of the piedmont plateau and the coastal plain will provide examples of the geologic spectrum from steep granite cliffs to rolling uplands and the flat featureless characteristics prevalent along Maryland's eastern shore.

You will see some of Maryland's most prestigious thoroughbred horse farms, waterfront communities, and pristine forests. You can gaze upon samples of popular styles of architecture such as Victorian, Colonial, Federalist and Granite construction.



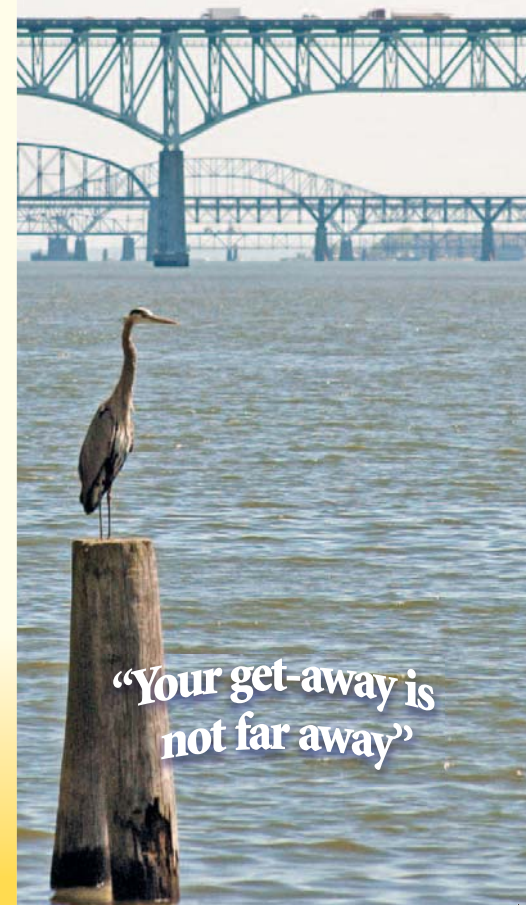
Maryland has often been referred to as "America in Miniature"; the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway offers all the best of Maryland just minutes from I-95.



See map on reverse side for numbered locations



# Lower Susquehanna Heritage Area



"Your get-away is not far away"

